each other, while addressing their differences through peaceful dialogue. Government remain vigilant in monitoring the security situation in India's periphery and are taking all necessary steps to safeguard the security and territorial integrity of India.

Bus service between Agartala and Kolkata

2150. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura has demanded introduction of direct bus service between Agartala-Kolkata *via* Dhaka, to avail uncalled for hassle to passangers of changing buses;

(b) if so, the details of the project and frequency of bus service proposed; and

(c) the steps proposed and contemplated to prevent infiltration of illegal influx from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for starting a direct bus service between Agartala and Kolkata has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh. Details of the project as well as frequency of bus services would be worked out by the bus operators of both the countries after the proposal is agreed to by the Government of Bangladesh.

(c) The issue of infiltration of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh has been regularly raised by the Government with the Government of Bangladesh, including at the highest levels. During the visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister to India in March 2006, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to work closely together to find mutually satisfactory solutions to all outstanding issues including the above issue.

HUDCO projects for Tamil Nadu towns

2151. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects of various State Governments particularly relating to Tamil Nadu pending with Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) for financial aid, State-wise;

(b) the estimated cost of these projects;

(c) the details of town/townships to be developed through these projects; and

(d) the time by which these pending projects are likely to be cleared?